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A Swedish Passenger List from 1857

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No one will deny that the passenger lists or manifests covering the arrivals of persons into the United States, ever since 1820, have been a veritable gold mine for thousands of persons seeking their roots abroad. Not only do these manifests prove the arrival of a certain individual at a certain time, but they may also be used to identify the passenger's origin, if, as in many cases, the manifest also lists the place abroad, where the passenger hailed from. Not all the lists are that helpful. For Swedish vessels we seldom get more information than that Sweden is the country of the person's nativity. When we do come across passenger lists which also include the place-names from which the passenger came, we are indeed quite fortunate. This is all the more valuable, considering the name system in vogue in Sweden during the 19th century, the custom in the rural areas of using the "-son" name or the patronymic. Confronted with almost solid lists of Johnsons, Petersons and Svensons, it is quite obvious that the additional information we get in the more detailed lists helps immeasurably in the identification process.

On 18 Sept. 1857 the ship *Carolina* with Capt. Joel Westerberg at the helm, arrived in New York from the port of Gävle on the Baltic coast in north central Sweden. Of the 143 passengers aboard, only one died at sea, the eight month-old son of Pehr Olof Pehrsson (No. 70). Of the remaining 142 who went ashore in New York, only three stayed in that city—Hans Mauritz Alexandersson and his wife Anna Ulrika Forssell, and Gustaf Fabian Gafvelholm (No. 13-15). All of the remaining passengers were destined for Illinois. All of the passengers were quartered in the steerage space between decks. Only four persons enjoyed the comfort and luxury of a cabin—Michael Michaelsson (No. 4), who had been in the U.S. earlier, and Hans Mauritz Alexandersson and his wife (No. 13-14) and Sergeant Gafvelholm (No. 15).

It has been possible to identify almost all of those passengers who came from the parishes of Gnarp, Ovensjö, Bergsjö, Åmot and Hassela. Unfortunately the parish records of Ockelbo in Gävleborg County (*län*) were destroyed by fire in 1904; the records of Älvros Parish in Jämtland *län* were likewise destroyed in a blaze in 1870. Thus we do not have access to the pertinent information concerning about half of the *Carolina* passengers who came from Ockelbo and Älvros.

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Most of the identifications have been located in the parish records on deposit in the District Archives of Härnösand (*Landsarkivet i Härnösand*), abbreviated in the notes as *HLA*.

The passenger manifest is presented as is, as prepared by Capt. Westerberg for the port authorities in New York. In some cases the place-name has been normalized and this is placed in brackets. For identification of the microfilm used for this study, it is item No. 1128 on microfilm roll No. 179 in the National Archives Microfilm Series M 237. The names have been numbered by the authors to facilitate easy reference.

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	From
1. Nils Ingemarsson ¹	44	m.	Cottager	Sundsvall Attmar Mellängård
2. Ingrid Magd. Matsdotter	34	f.	Wife	Sundsvall
3. Ingemar Nilsson	9	m.	Son	Sundsvall
4. Michel Michaelsson ²	32	m.	Labourer	Sundsvall Karläng
5. Joh. Peter Dahlin ³	30	m.	Farmer	Hudiksvall Gnarp Ås
6. Engla Christ. Ersdotter	31	f.	Wife	Hudiksvall
7. Marta Magr. Johansdotter	4	f.	Daughter	Hudiksvall
8. Anders Olsson ⁴	41	m.	Farmer	Hudiksvall Trollswed [Trollsved]
9. Christina Ersdotter	39	f.	Wife	Hudiksvall Trollswed
10. Margreta Andersdotter	13	f.	Daughter	Hudiksvall Trollswed
11. Jan Olof	10	m.	Son	Hudiksvall Trollswed
12. Erika	2	f.	Daughter	Hudiksvall Trollswed
13. H.M. Alexandersson ⁵	36	m.	Seaman	Bohuslän Grubbesta [Grebbebestad?]
14. Anna Ulrika Forssell	21	f.	Wife	Gefle [Gävle]
15. Fabian Gafvelholm ⁶	34	m.	Standardbearer	Gefle
16. P. Andersson Malm ⁷	27	m.	Shoemaker	Ofansjö [Ovansjö] Norrberg
17. Lars Bergström ⁸	31	m.	Labourer	Ofansjö Forsbodarna
18. Lars Boström	26	m.	Servant	Ockelbo & Sunnanåsbo
19. Erik Högberg	26	m.	Shoemaker	Ockelbo & Wallsbo [Vallsbo]
20. Cajsa Lisa Nordström	23	f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Wallsbo
21. Maria Larsdotter	25	f.	Maidservant	Ockelbo & Nordanåsbo
22. Isac Isacson	23	m.	Servant	Ockelbo & Nordanåsbo
23. Margreta Åström ⁹	56	f.	Labourer wife	Ockelbo & Åmot
24. Jan Mars	59	m.	Soldier	Ockelbo & Ulfsta [Ulvsta]
25. Christ. Andersdotter	57	f.	Wife	Ockelbo
26. Carin Jansdotter	27	f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
27. Marta	19	f.	his Daughter	Ockelbo
28. Brita	15	f.	his Daughter	Ockelbo
29. Ingrid Pehrsondotter	52	f.	Farmer widow	Ockelbo
30. Anders Jansson	23	m.	Son	Ockelbo
31. Jan	19	m.	Son	Ockelbo
32. Carin	16	f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
33. Ingri	11	f.	Daughter	Ockelbo

34. Marta	8 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
35. Kjerstin Pehrson	22 f.	Maid-servant	Ockelbo
36. Jon Larsson	47 m.	Cottager	Ockelbo
37. Brita Andersdotter	48 f.	Wife	Ockelbo
38. Lars	23 m.	Son	Ockelbo
39. Anders	18 m.	Son	Ockelbo
40. Marta	13 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
41. Jan Hedberg	44 m.	Taylor	Ockelbo
42. Carin Jansdotter	18 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
43. Peter Johan	17 m.	Son	Ockelbo
44. Lars	11 m.	Daughter(sic!)	Ockelbo
45. Gölin	6 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
46. Anders	3 m.	Son	Ockelbo
47. Pehr Pehrsson	27 m.	Farmer	Ockelbo
48. Swen Swensson ¹⁰	32 m.	Farmer	Hudiksvall Malungen
49. Marta Ersdotter	34 f.	Wife	Hudiksvall Malungen
50. Erik Johan	7 m.	Son	Hudiksvall Malungen
51. Swen Olof	1 m.	Son	Hudiksvall Malungen
52. Stina Cajsa	4 f.	Daughter	Hudiksvall Malungen
53. Jan Bolund	26 m.	Servant	Ockelbo & Sunnanåsbo
54. Olof Pehrsson	59 m.	Farmer	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
55. Anna Pehrson	55 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
56. Anna	20 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
57. Christina	13 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
58. Margreta	10 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
59. Pehr Malm	25 m.	his Brother-in-Law	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
60. Carin Olsdotter	22 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
61. Olof	2 m.	Son	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
62. Jan Olsson Kjällgren ¹¹	25 m.	Farmer	Ockelbo & Kjällsjön
63. Olof Kjällgren ¹²	57 m.	Father	Ockelbo & Kjällsjön
64. Anna Larsdotter	44 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Kjällsjön
65. Lisa ¹³	36 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Kjällsjön
66. Anna Stina ¹⁴	6 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Kjällsjön
67. Pehr Olof Pehrsson ¹⁵	30 m.	Farmer	Ämot
68. Anna Ersdotter	32 f.	Wife	Ämot
69. Pehr Olof	4 m.	Son	Ämot
70. Erik	8 mos. m.	Son	Ämot Died 20 Aug.
71. Anna Pehrson ¹⁶	21 f.	Maid-servant	Ämot & Förbo
72. Nils Olsson ¹⁷	44 m.	Farmer	Ämot & Kjällsjön
73. Greta Ersdotter	48 f.	Wife	Ämot & Kjällsjön
74. Carin	18 f.	Daughter	Ämot & Kjällsjön
75. Olof	17 m.	Son	Ämot & Kjällsjön
76. Erik	15 m.	Son	Ämot & Kjällsjön
77. Anna	13 f.	Daughter	Ämot & Kjällsjön

78. Johan Bergqvist ¹⁸	49 m	Forester	Ockelbo & Åmot
79. Märta Pehrsondotter	47 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Åmot
80. Anders Gustaf	17 m.	Son	Ockelbo & Åmot
81. Pehr Olof	11 m.	Son	Ockelbo & Åmot
82. Lars Erik	9 m.	Son	Ockelbo & Åmot
83. Maria Helena	15 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Åmot
84. Anna Greta	½ f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Åmot
85. Erik Larsson Nyberg	43 m.	Cottager	Ockelbo & Mo
86. Marta Nilsson	43 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Mo
87. Christina	11 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Mo
88. Carin	8 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Mo
89. Marta	5 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Mo
90. Anders Eriksson	24 m.	Servant	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
91. Anna Hansdotter	26 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
92. Carin Carlsson	58 f.	Farmer Widow	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
93. Hans Hansson	20 m.	Son	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
94. Britta Hansdotter	22 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
95. Lars Larsson Norman	54 m.	Coalman	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
96. Brita Ersson	58 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
97. Kjerstin	17 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
98. Jöns Ersson	24 m.	Farmer	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
99. Lisa Ersson	21 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Ulfsta
100. Lars Åström	59 m.	Cottager	Åbro
101. Brita Pehrsondotter	58 f.	Wife	Åbro
102. Pehr	26 m.	Son	Åbro
103. Margreta	21 f.	Daughter	Åbro
104. Hans Ersson	32 m.	Servant	Åbro
105. Marta Olsson	23 f.	Maid-servant	Norrbö
106. Pehr Norberg ¹⁹	36 m.	Farmer	Hudiksvall & Hasela [Hassela]
107. Marta Christ. Olsson	32 f.	Wife	Hudiksvall
108. Claes Johan	8 m.	Son	Hudiksvall
109. Pehr Olof	5 m.	Son	Hudiksvall
110. Lars Erik	3 m.	Son	Hudiksvall
111. Anna Marta	½ f.	Daughter	Hudiksvall
112. Olof Eriksson	43 m.	Taylor	Härjedalen Sveg Elfros [Älvros]
113. Anna Pehrsondotter	38 f.	Wife	Härjedalen
114. Christina	8 f.	Daughter	Härjedalen
115. Carolina	6 f.	Daughter	Härjedalen
116. Pehr Ersson ²⁰	34 m.	Servant	Härjedalen
117. Emrik Pohlsson ²¹	21 m.	Servant	Härjedalen
118. Åmark	38 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Åmot
119. Anna Christina	3 f.	Daughter	Ockelbo & Åmot
120. Ol. Olsson Åkerblad	42 m.	Coalman	Ockelbo & Åmot
121. Cajsa Lisa Mattsdotter	24 f.	Wife	Ockelbo & Åmot
122. Christina Ersson	59 f.	Farmer Wife	Ockelbo & Ivantjern [Ivantjärn]

123. Gertrud Carlsdotter	50	f.	Maid servant	Ockelbo
124. Pehr Skoglund	31	m.	Taylor	Ockelbo
125. Anna Ersdotter	30	f.	Wife	Ockelbo
126. Anna Stina	5	f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
127. Pehr Erik	2	m.	Son	Ockelbo
128. Margreta	½	f.	Daughter	Ockelbo
129. Pehr Larsson	22	m.	Servant	Ockelbo & Mo
130. Jonas Pehrsson Hedman	24	m.	Servant	Ockelbo
131. Jan Olsson ²²	21	m.	Servant	Löftjern [Lövtjärn]
132. Lars Jansson ²³	45	m.	Labourer	Åmot
133. Kjerstin Pehrsson	33	f.	Wife	Åmot
134. Pehr	13	m.	Son	Åmot
135. Lena	9	f.	Daughter	Åmot
136. Kjerstin	6	f.	Daughter	Åmot
137. Lars	3	m.	Son	Åmot
138. Brita	1	f.	Daughter	Åmot
139. Erik Hedberg	38	m.	Planter	Åmot
140. Anders Andersson ²⁴	28	m.	Coalman	Åmot & Storåsen
141. Helena Sophia	26	f.	Wife	Åmot & Storåsen
142. Anna Lena	1½	f.	Daughter	Åmot & Storåsen
143. Pehr Baksell	30	m.	Smith	

¹Nils Ingemarsson was b. in Attmar Parish (Vn.) 14 Jan. 1813, s. of Ingemar Johansson, farmer in Söderböle in Attmar, and his wife Stina Nilsson. He was m. to Ingrid Magdalena Mattsdotter, b. in Attmar 3 Sept. 1823, dau. Matts Johansson, crofter (*torpare*) in Backa, Attmar, and his wife Ingrid Jönsdotter. Their s. Ingmar was b. in Njurunda Parish (Vn.) 10 June 1849. The family left for America from Attmar 1857. —*HLA*.

²Michael Michaelsson was b. in Attmar Parish 17 Dec. 1824, s. of Michael Mårtensson, farmer and church warden (*kyrkvärd*) in Karläng in Attmar, and his wife Sigrid Ingemarsdotter. In the household examination rolls for Attmar he is listed as having returned from America 1856 and departed again for America 1857. He is probably identical with a passenger, M. Michaelsson, who emigr. 1850 and arr. in New York 1 Nov. 1850 aboard the *Oden* together with several other passengers from Attmar. —*HLA*; Nils William Olsson, *Swedish Passenger Arrivals in New York 1820-1850* (Stockholm and Chicago 1967), p. 256.

³Johan Petter Dalin was b. in Attmar Parish 24 Sept. 1827, s. of Johan Stockne, charcoal burner (*kolare*), and his wife Margreta Olsdotter. He was m. to Engla Christina Ersdotter, b. in Attmar 5 Oct. 1826, dau. of Eric Buller, crofter, and Märta Ersdotter. The couple had a dau. Märta Greta, also b. in Attmar 31 March 1853. The family emigr. to America from Gnarp Parish (Gäv.) 21 June 1857. —*HLA*.

⁴Anders Olsson, crofter, was b. in Gnarp Parish 3 Jan. 1817, s. of Olof Andersson, crofter, and his wife Brita Pehrsson. He was m. to Kerstin Ersdotter, b. in Gnarp 31 Aug. 1818, dau. of Eric Ersson, farmer, and Margret Jönsdotter. Their three children, all b. in Gnarp, were—Marga, b. 11 July 1844, Johan Olof, b. 19 July 1846 and Brita Erica, b. 17 Jan. 1855. The family emigr. to America 14 July 1857. —*HLA*.

⁵Hans Mauritz Alexandersson was b. in Gisleröd, Tanum Parish (Göt.) 13 March 1821, s. of Alexander Andersson and his wife Johanna Andersdotter. His wife, Anna Ulrika Forssell, was b. in Gävle 24 March 1836, the dau. of a sailor. The couple left Gävle 21 July 1857. —*HLA*; *Göteborg Landsarkiv*.

⁶Gustaf Fabian Gavelholm, sergeant, received a passport to America in Uppsala in 1857. —*Uppsala länsstyrelses landskansli passjournaler 1849-1862* (The Passport Journals of the Uppsala County Chancellery in Uppsala District Archives).

⁷Pehr Andersson Malm, shoemaker, was b. in Kungsberg, Ovansjö Parish (Gäv.) 26 Aug. 1830, s. of Anders Malm, shoemaker, and his wife Lena Olsdotter. —*HLA*.

⁸Lars Jönsson Bergström, laborer, was b. in Ovansjö Parish 4 June 1826, s. of Jöns Larsson, laborer, and Karin Larsdotter. He emigr. to America 1857. —*HLA*.

⁹Margareta Åström was b. in Åmot Mill in Åmot Parish (Gäv.) 16 March 1801, dau. Eric Hansson, millworker (*rostbrännare*), and his wife Anna Olofsdotter. Her husband, Hans Andersson Åström, had departed for America the year before. —*HLA*.

- ¹⁰Sven Svensson emigr. from Malungen in Bergsjö Parish (Gävl.) 1857. He was b. in Attmar Parish 22 Oct. 1825, s. of Sven Svensson, farmer, and his wife Stina Cajsa Andersdotter. He was m. to Märta Ericsson, b. in Gnarp Parish 5 Oct. 1823, dau. of Eric Ersson, farmer, and Margta Jonsdotter. They had three children, the two oldest b. in Attmar, the youngest in Bergsjö—Erik Johan, b. 15 April 1850, Stina Cajsa, b. 22 April 1853 and Sven Olof, b. 16 Aug 1856. —*HLA*.
- ¹¹Jon Olsson Källgren or Kjällgren, b. in Källsjön, Åmot Parish (Gävl.) 29 Nov. 1831, s. Olof Jonsson Källgren and his first wife, Sophia Danielsdotter. He emigr. to America 1857. —*HLA*.
- ¹²Olof Jonsson Källgren, father of the above, was b. in Källsjön in Åmot 30 Aug. 1801, s. of Jon Olofsson, charcoal burner, and his wife Lisa Mattsdotter. He was m. twice—the first time to Sophia Danielsdotter, with whom he had two children—Jon, see above, and Lisa, see below; the second time to Anna Larsdotter, b. in Åmot 19 July 1814, dau. Lars Hansson, charcoal burner in Åmot, and Karin Ersdotter. A dau. in the second marriage was Anna Stina, see below. —*HLA*.
- ¹³Lisa Olsdotter Källgren, b. in Åmot 15 Feb. 1829, dau. of Olof Jonsson Källgren and his first wife Sophia Danielsdotter. —*HLA*.
- ¹⁴Anna Stina Källgren, b. in Åmot 27 Nov. 1851, dau. of Olof Jonsson Källgren and his wife in the second marriage, Anna Larsdotter. —*HLA*.
- ¹⁵Pehr Olof Pehrsson, farmer, was b. in Åmot 27 March 1827, s. of Pehr Jonsson, farmer and judge at the assizes (*nämndeman*), and Lena Larsdotter. He was m. to Anna Ersdotter, b. in Åmot 30 Nov. 1824, dau. of Eric Mattsson, charcoal burner, and Anna Ersdotter. They had two sons—Pehr Olof, b. in Åmot 15 Jan. 1853 and Eric, also b. in Åmot 20 Dec. 1856. The family emigr. to America 1857. Eric d. on the ocean 20 Aug. 1857. —*HLA*.
- ¹⁶Anna Pehrsson, servant, was b. in Åmot 12 March 1836, dau. of Pehr Pehrsson in Svartandal, charcoal burner, and Karin Jonsdotter. She emigr. to America 1857. —*HLA*.
- ¹⁷Nils Olsson, charcoal burner, was b. in Åmot 5 July 1814, s. of Olof Carlsson, also a charcoal burner, and Karin Nilsdotter. He was m. to Greta Nilsdotter, b. in Åmot 20 Feb. 1809, but she is not found in the Åmot register of births. They had the following children, all b. in Åmot—Karin, b. 23 April 1839, Olof, b. 17 April 1840, Eric, b. 14 Sept. 1842 and Anna, b. 21 Nov. 1844. The family emigr. to America 1857. —*HLA*.
- ¹⁸Jan Bergqvist, former forester, was b. in Åmot 24 Dec. 1807, s. of Jan Bergqvist, laborer, and Maja Jonsdotter. He was m. to Margta Pehrsson, b. in Åmot 13 Sept. 1810, dau. Pehr Jonsson, farmer, and Margta Andersdotter. They had the following children, all b. in Åmot—Jan, b. 13 Feb. 1836, Anders Gustaf, b. 6 June 1840, Maja Helena, b. 28 Sept. 1842, Peter Olof, b. 14 Sept 1845, Lars Erik, b. 22 May 1848 and Anna Margareta, b. 6 April 1857. The entire family left for America 1857, except the eldest son Jan, who had departed the year before. —*HLA*.
- ¹⁹Pehr Pehrsson Norberg, crofter, was b. in Hassela Parish (Gävl.) 11 Oct. 1821, s. Pehr Norberg, crofter, and Anna Pehrsson in Malungås. He was m. to Martha Christina Claësdotter, b. in Attmar Parish (Vn.) 10 July 1825, dau. Claës Johansson, farmer, and Sigrid Johansdotter in Långskog. They had the following children, the three oldest b. in Attmar, the youngest in Hassela—Claës Johan, b. 19 Jan. 1849, Pehr Olof, b. 31 Jan. 1852, Lars Erik, b. 27 Aug. 1854 and Anna Martha, b. 17 March 1857. The entire family emigr. to America in 1857. —*HLA*.
- ²⁰Pehr Ersson, b. in Kyrkbyn, Älvros Parish (Jämt.) 9 July 1823, probably the s. of Erik Svensson, farmer in Remmen, and Sigrid Pehrsson. —*HLA*.
- ²¹Embrekt Pålsson was b. in Remmen, Älvros Parish 23 Oct. 1835, s. of Pål Embreksson, crofter, and Gölin Johansdotter. —*HLA*.
- ²²Johannes Olsson, servant, was b. in Lövtjärn, Åmot Parish 6 June 1836, s. of Olof Olsson, farmer, and Maria Jonsdotter. He emigr. to America 1857. —*HLA*.
- ²³Lars Jansson, millworker (*rostbrännare*), was b. in Kvarnåsen, Åmot Parish 6 Dec. 1812, s. Jan Olsson, laborer, and Kerstin Jonsdotter. He was m. to Kerstin Pehrsson, b. in Åmot 25 Oct. 1824, dau. of Pehr Jonsson, farmer, and Lena Larsdotter. They had the following children, all b. in Åmot—Pehr, b. 4 Aug. 1844, Lena, b. 24 Oct. 1848, Kerstin, b. 22 May 1851, Lars, b. 6 March 1854 and Brita, b. 6 Aug. 1856. The entire family left for America 1857. —*HLA*.
- ²⁴Anders Andersson, charcoal burner, b. in Storåsen, Åmot Parish 8 May 1828, s. Anders Andersson, also a charcoal burner, and his wife Anna Olsdotter. He was m. to Helena Sophia Pehrsson, b. in Åmot 2 May 1834, dau. Pehr Jönsson, farmer, and Lena Larsdotter. They had one dau. Anna Lena, b. in Åmot 23 Feb. 1856. The family left for America 1857. —*HLA*.